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EMERGENCY FIREFIGHTER (EFF) CREW UPDATE

This summer a total of 30 EFF crews have been ordered for wildland fire assignments outside of Alaska, including the five crews that leave for Montana today.

EFF Crew	Destination Fire (MT)
Galena	Brush Creek
Selawik #2	Brush Creek
Tetlin	Jocko Lakes
Northway #2	Jocko Lakes
Tanana	Jocko Lakes

AGENCY CREW UPDATE AND INFORMATION

For information about Hotshot, Type 1 and Type 2 crews, please visit: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/resources/agencycrews.php

Other crews (non-EFF) on assignment include:

- Chena, Denali and Midnight Sun Hotshots
- Pioneer Peak Type 1 crew
- Gannett Glacier, Alaska #2 and #3 Type 2 crews

Note: Hotshots are Type 1 crews that are a national resource. Not all Type 1 crews are Hotshots. In general, Type 1 crews have more training and experience than Type 2 crews, and are used accordingly, but both resources are crucial to wildland firefighting.

TYPE I INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM CONTACT INFO

The Inciweb site is functioning intermittently (http://www.inciweb.org/incident/904/). For information about the Jocko Lakes Fire, please call the Missoula County Fire Information Call Center at 406-258-3680. Or, contact the Alaska's Type I Incident Management Team Fire Information Officers at 406-244-9967.

NATIONAL SITUATION UPDATE

National statistics may be found at: http://www.nifc.gov/fire_info/nfn.htm

ALASKA NEWS

One new fire was reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Monday. An escaped campfire was found in the Upper Skilak Campground of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge; personnel put the fire out.

The 1, 100-acre Swan Lake Fire, also burning on the Kenai Peninsula, was active Monday. A Fire Use Module has been ordered to accomplish specific resource management objectives for the naturally-caused fire.

So far this year 486 fires have burned 371,760 acres statewide. No fires are staffed.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
 - Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - o Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
- National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
- Creating Defensible Space: http://firewise.org/ and http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- National Parks Service: <u>www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm</u>
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov